

Draft MINUTES
Laurens Central School
Board of Education
MPR - 7:30 PM
October 16, 2024

Opening of Meeting

I. OPENING OF MEETING

A. Roll call and quorum check

Board Members Present: T. Francisco, G. Murello, M. Wikoff, P. Bush-Allen

Board Members Absent: C. Struckle

Others Present: B. Dorritie, Superintendent: J. Mushtare, Building Principal; P. Weir, District Clerk; J. Kessler, Head of Transportation; S. West, B & G; Members of the Staff and Community (see attached sign in sheet).

B. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Vice President T. Francisco.

Adoption of Agenda

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Be It Resolved that the Laurens Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:

1. Minutes – 9/18/24
2. September 2024 Fiscal Reports
 - A. Treasurer's Report:
 1. Treasurer's Report A Fund (General)
 2. Treasurer's Report C Fund (Cafeteria)
 3. Treasurer's Report F Fund (Special)
 4. Treasurer's Report T Fund (Trust & Agency)
 5. Treasurer's Report L Fund (Library)
 6. Treasurer's Report H Fund (Checking) (Capital Project)
Treasurer's Report H Fund (Savings) (Capital Project)
 7. Treasurer's Report Repair Reserve
 8. Treasurer's Report Capital Reserve
 9. Treasurer's Report Workers Comp, ERS, Unemployment Reserve
 10. NYLAF Investment Account
 11. Transfers Over \$1000
 - B. Other Reports (No Approval Required)
 1. Warrants

Warrant #10	A Fund \$143,894.82 (General)
Warrant #4	C Fund \$4,281.75 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #5	F Fund \$82,491.26 (Special)
Warrant #6	T Fund \$33.22 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #2	H Fund \$500.00 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #4	TE Fund \$200.00 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #11	P Fund \$386.94 (Payroll)

Warrant # 13	A Fund \$158,857.28 (General)
Warrant #5	C Fund \$7,945.68 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #6	F Fund \$30,028.32 (Special)
Warrant #7	T Fund \$565.73 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #	H Fund \$0 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #	TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #12	P Fund \$174,746.19 (Payroll)
Warrant #	A Fund \$0 (General)
Warrant #	C Fund \$0 (Cafeteria)
Warrant #	F Fund \$0 (Special)
Warrant #8	T Fund \$318.41 (Trust & Agency)
Warrant #	H Fund \$0 (Capital Fund)
Warrant #	TE Fund \$0 (Trust-Scholarship)
Warrant #	L Fund \$0 (Library)
Warrant #14	P Fund \$196,032.40 (Payroll)

2. Transfers Under \$1000
3. Internal Claims Auditor's Reports
4. Revenue Status Report - Fund A
5. Extracurricular Reconciliation Report

3. Committee on Special Education

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Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by G. Murello to approve the above consent agenda items. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Open Comment

IV. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS/OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

Reports and Discussions

V. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. Superintendent's Report – B. Dorritie
 - Joint Superintendent's Conference Day between Milford, Laurens, Edmeston, and Morris
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 21 and 22
 - Annual "Go Home Early" drill on November 8th
 - Fall Concert on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30 pm
 - Veterans Day breakfast Friday, November 8th at 9:00 am
 - Superintendent assignments for 2024-2025
 - CASSC School Board Institute December 3rd
 - Thank you to the Board for NYCOS Fall Conference
 - Good luck to the boys varsity soccer team on Saturday – Tri-Valley Championship
 - Thank you to the Board of Education for their service
 - Q and A with Rick Borchardt and introduction of Ken Olsen
 - Rick Borchardt gave a brief overview of what an SRO does
 - Ken Olsen introduced himself
2. Report from Building Principal – J. Mushtare
 - Thank you to BOE
 - Heads up – discussions on dress code will be happening with teachers and Students
 - Circles training
 - Help for students struggling academically
 - Structured study hall
 - Testing Center
 - Eligibility
 - Shout out to Science department for good scores on 8th grade tests

- Discipline referrals update & history
- Field trips
- 3. Report from Supervisor Transportation – J. Kessler
 - Thank you to BOE
 - New bus is being delivered next week
 - Next bus should come in January
 - Down 2 buses – one needed some body work and one had a minor mechanical Issue
 - Inspection coming up on November 7th
 - Every is going smoothly right now
- 4. Report from Supervisor Buildings & Ground – S. West
 - Thank you to BOE
 - Capital Outlay project
 - Camera project is completed
 - Server upgrade for camera system
 - SFA Conference
 - Phone issues conference was held on Superintendent’s Conference day
 - Tri-Valley League Championship – good luck to our Boys Varsity team

Correspondence

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Old Business

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Be It Resolved that the Laurens Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:

At this time board Vice President T. Francisco explained the consent agenda process to those in attendance.

Personnel

VIII. PERSONNEL – NEW BUSINESS

Be It Resolved that the Laurens Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:

L. Babbage Tenure

1. In compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.7 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that Linda Babbage, a probationary School Media Specialist having been appointed to such position on November 1, 2021, be appointed to tenure to the position of School Media Specialist, it having been shown that Linda Babbage, holds a valid New York State Certificate in the aforesaid tenure area and it further having been shown that the probationary period of Linda Babbage to work in the area expires on October 31, 2025, the Laurens Central School District does hereby grant tenure and appoint to tenure Linda Babbage effective November 2, 2024, to the position of School Media Specialist.

Motion made by P. Bush-Allen, seconded by M. Wikoff to approve the above appointment. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Approval of Consent Agenda

IX. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Be It Resolved that the Laurens Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:

A. PERSONNEL

K. Olsen School Resource Officer

1. The appointment of Ken Olsen as a School Resource Officer employed by Upstate Security Consultants, LLC beginning November 1, 2024.

K. Welsh Maternity Leave

2. The Maternity Leave for Kayla Welsh, Elementary Teacher, effective retroactively to October 15, 2024 and continuing until approximately January 6, 2025.

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| P. Smith Long-term Substitute | 3. | The appointment of Paige Smith as a Long-term Non-Certified Substitute for Kayla Welsh, effective retroactively to October 15, 2024 and continuing until approximately December 20, 2024. Her salary will be as per Board Policy. |
| D. Ronson rescind and appoint Basketball | 4. | To rescind the appointment of Dan Ronson as the Boys JV Basketball Coach and appoint him to the position of Boys Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year. |
| L. Talbert rescind Basketball Coach | 5. | To rescind the appointment of Lindsey Talbert as the Girls Modified Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 season. |
| Basketball Coaches 2024-2025 | 6. | The appointment of the following coaches for the 2024-2025 basketball season:

Boys Modified Basketball – Omar Nelson
Girls Modified Basketball – Christine Cox |
| N. Bakhuizen Permanent Aide | 7. | The permanent appointment of Nancy Bakhuizen to the position of Teacher Aide, effective November 7, 2024. |

B. NEW BUSINESS

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| Basketball Mergers 2024-2025 | 1. | To authorize the merger of Girls Modified, JV, and Varsity Basketball with Milford Central School for the 2024-2025 season. |
| Boys Varsity Basketball Merger | 2. | To authorize the merger of Boys Varsity Basketball with Milford Central School for the 2024-2025 season. |
| Varsity Wrestling Merger | 3. | To authorize the merger of Varsity Wrestling with Unatego Central School for the 2024-2025 season. |
| Letter of Intent Bus Purchase | 4. | The attached Letter of Intent for the purchase of a school bus from Leonard Bus Sales. This purchase is pending voter approval on May 20, 2025. |
| Board Policy | 5. | To waive the first reading and approve/reapprove the following attached Board policy:

#1561 – Agenda Format |
| Surplus 2010 Ford F-350 | 6. | To declare a 2010 Ford F-350 Super Duty 4x4 single wheel Truck with an 8 ft. Dumper Dogg dump bed and 31,156 miles as surplus and put it up for bid. |

Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by P. Bush-Allen to approve the above consent agenda items. Motion carried 4-0-0.

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| Information | X. INFORMATION |
| | 1. Student Enrollment September 30, 2024 |
| | 2. Sales Quote from Leonard Bus Sales, Inc. |

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| Meetings | XI. MEETINGS |
| | 1. October 22, 2024 6:30 pm - Fall Concert – grades 5-12 |
| | 2. November 20, 2024 – BOE Meeting 7:30 pm |
| | 3. December 3, 2024 - CASSC School Board Institute |

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| Open Comment | XII. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD |
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| Executive Session | XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION |
| | Be It Resolved that the Laurens Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, enter executive session for the following reasons: |

1. Personnel

The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:01 pm to discuss Personnel issues. Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by P. Bush-Allen. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Final Adjournment

XIV. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:35 pm. Motion made by M. Wikoff, seconded by G. Murello. Motion carried 4-0-0.

The Board adjourned, without further discussion at 8:37 pm. Motion made by G. Murello, seconded by M. Wikoff. Motion carried 4-0-0.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME BELOW

October 16, 2024

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| 1. Jen Lewis | 13. |
| 2. Shann Stevens | 14. |
| 3. Mike Stevens | 15. |
| 4. Rick Borchardt | 16. |
| 5. Ken Olsen | 17. |
| 6. Abby Trombley | 18. |
| 7. Lindsey Talbert | 19. |
| 8. Beverly Munch | 20. |
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